

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH—NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE FRESHEST
LOCAL MENTIONMatters Personal and General in
and Around Portsmouth.

HEARD ON THE STREETS

Gossip and Events in Which Our People
are Interested, Chronicled in Concise
Form. A Daily Diary of Happenings
Presented to Our Readers Fresh Every
Morning—Snap Shots of Our Busy City.

Dr. F. S. Hope announces in this
issue that he is a candidate for re-
election for the office of Physician to
the Almshouse.

Rev. R. T. Waterfield began a series
of revival meetings at Owens Memorial
Church last night. They will continue
through the week. Rev. J. R. Griffith,
of Eastern Shore, will assist.

Mr. R. G. Howard, of 559 Lincoln
street, is confined to his residence by
sickness.

A respectable white woman can find
a good home by applying at 507 Din-
widdle street. See advertisement.

A conflagration of probable serious
consequence was averted Sunday after-
noon by the prompt action of members
of the family of Mr. John A. McDonald
at the residence, on Clifford street. The
servant left clothing hanging too close
to the stove, and as a natural result
it took fire and was burning quite
sharply when discovered.

An educated and refined young lady
desires position as companion. See
advertisement of "L." this issue.

Bishop Randolph confirmed a class
of sixteen Sunday morning at Trinity
Episcopal Church, and a class of five
at night at St. John's Church.

Ladies, bear in mind that the great
millinery opening of Mrs. L. A. Mc-
Hugh will begin to-morrow morning
early and last all day. She will have
on exhibition the famous Anna Held,
Sapho and Hobbs hats. They are
magnificent.

The alarm of fire sent in from box
42 Sunday morning sent the depart-
ment to the residence of Mr. Jefferson
Hudgins, in Third street, between
Henry and Randolph streets. The
using of gasoline on a bicycle for clean-
ing purposes was the cause. The only
damage done was the burning of two
overcoats, which were used in smother-
ing the flames.

Mrs. Catherine Clements, a former
resident of this city, died in Washing-
ton Friday, where she has resided since
the war. She left four children and
was a cousin of Mr. Charles and Miss
Catherine Owens, of this city.

A musical and Japanese party will
be given to-night at the residence of
Mrs. Rosa Lee, in Scottsville, for the
benefit of the Port Norfolk Baptist
Church. Instrumental and vocal selec-
tions will be rendered by excellent
talent.

Mrs. Turner, of Richmond, Va., is vis-
iting Mrs. Rosa Lee, in Scottsville.

There was a rehearsal of "Princess
Bonnie" last night, and was largely
attended.

Miss Emma Hodges accidentally fell
at her residence, No. 409 Court street,
and broke her arm. Drs. Hutton and
Parish were called and set the broken
member.

Rev. W. A. Snyder qualified as ad-
ministrator of his wife's estate.

The Rev. Z. S. Farland left the city
yesterday afternoon for Richmond for
a short rest. Mr. Farland will return
and conduct the communion service at
St. John's Church on next Sunday, but
his physician has forbidden him to
preach.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Hart have re-
turned from Southern Pines, N. C.,
where they have been staying for the
past month. Mrs. Hart returns much
benefited in health.

Mr. John A. Morris has been awarded
the contract for furnishing the uni-
forms to the motormen and conductors
of the Norfolk, Portsmouth and New-
port News railway and allied com-
panies. The number will be between 75
and 100.

Sheriff Williamson Smith yesterday
paid to the captors of Cotton the re-
ward of \$250 offered by him, and they
were to receive \$100 from the State of
Virginia.

Mr. F. P. Nash is confined to his resi-
dence by an attack of grip.

Judge Portlock yesterday signed the
records in the County Court and ad-
journing for the term.

Miss Kittle Cardozo, of Clifton Forge,
was in the city yesterday on a flying
visit to friends. She is en route
South.

Grand Chancellor of the K. of P. of
Virginia Mr. Charles T. Bland officially
visited Portsmouth Lodge, No. 16, last
night. He will visit Lee Lodge, Berke-
ley, Tuesday, April 3d.

Justice Charles W. Rustie will hear
five warrants next Thursday night at
7 o'clock, all of which have been sworn
out against County Constable John
Ashborne, of Piner's Point. He is
charged with being about to engage in
a duel, drawing a weapon on a man,
being drunk and disorderly, and the
fifth and last is a peace warrant.

A colored woman shot at a colored
man twice in Brighton, and the man
swore out a warrant for the arrest of
the woman. The case will be heard by
Justice Reed at 10 o'clock this morn-
ing.

"Ye Old Fashioned Deestrick Skule,"
with old fashioned costumes and old
fashioned manners. Rastus George
Washington is Janitor. Skule closes
with appropriate exercises at Elks'
Opera House to-night. Two first-class
comedians from Norfolk will assist.
They are Abe Moses and Lloyd Dalby.
Deputy Sheriff Charles Reed, of Eliza-
beth City, N. C., passed through the
city last night on his way to Raleigh,
N. C., having in charge two colored
men sentenced to the penitentiary for
one year each on the charge of chick-
en stealing.

The guns for the Portsmouth Rifles
have arrived.

Pictures of Walter Cotton as he ap-
peared hanging from the tree at Em-
poria, and as he looked in the box here,
were for sale on the streets yesterday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet this after-
noon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Gilreath,
715 High street.

The Virginia League clubs will show
a make-up as follows: Norfolk, New
England Leaguers; Hampton, Western
Leaguers; Portsmouth, Texas Leagu-

ers; Richmond, Atlantic and Pennsyl-
vania Leaguers; Petersburg, New Eng-
land Leaguers; Newport News, Indi-
ana-Illinois Leaguers.

Mrs. Jacob Kaufman advertises in
this issue that she will have her grand
spring opening of millinery to-morrow.
She has all the leading styles.

Rehearsals for "Princess Bonnie"
and Pinafore are growing more inter-
esting each time. The participants are
showing a lively interest in these two
operas.

MEHODIST AND BAPTISTS.

Two Sunday School Associations Held
in This City Sunday.

Sunday afternoon in Monumental
Church the Methodist Sunday School
Association met in regular meeting.

The inclemency of the weather inter-
fered materially with the attendance,
in consequence of which the matter of
a revision of the by-laws was contin-
ued until the May meeting.

The program rendered was excellent,
consisting of vocal solos by Miss Ful-
ford and Mr. J. E. Dunbar and recita-
tions by Misses Nina Watson and Es-
telle Cherry, two very little ladies, who
acquired themselves very creditably
indeed.

The banners for the month were
awarded to Monumental for attendance
and contributions, and Central for
punctuality.

The next meeting of the association,
on the fourth Sunday in April, will be
held at Port Norfolk.

The by-law committee appointed a
month ago is ready with its report,
the following being the suggestions the
committee will make when the time ar-
rives to take the matter up:

The new by-laws provide for a presi-
dent and secretary and as many vice-
presidents as there are schools in the
association, the superintendent of each
school to be a vice-president of the as-
sociation.

The day of meeting will be changed
from the fourth to the first Sunday
in the month. Banners will continue
to be given for punctuality, attendance
and contributions, the average for
punctuality to be determined on the ba-
sis of the number of present at the
opening of the school. Attendance will
be based on the number enrolled, and
contributions on the penny collections.

The president, Mr. J. H. Faison, pre-
sided, and Mr. Albert Cherry filled the
position of secretary. Rev. Mr. Rawl-
ings, of Monumental, opened the exer-
cises with prayer.

THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

At the Fourth Street Baptist Church
on the afternoon of Sunday the Sun-
day School Association of the Baptist
churches of Portsmouth and Norfolk
county met in regular meeting.

The president, Mr. W. C. Corbett, was
unavoidably absent, and Mr. E. W.
Counsell, superintendent of the Sunday
school of the Port Norfolk church, pre-
sided.

The proceedings were of the most in-
teresting nature, the singing on the
congregational being very much en-
joyed.

The principal subject for discussion,
after distinguishing speakers had
spoken on matters relating to the work-
ing of the association and how best to
create a greater interest, was that of
the building of a mission building in
Prentiss Place. The committee having
in charge this important matter de-
cided it not advisable to consider favor-
ably the proposition to move an old
house to the location desired.

The consensus of opinion was in the
direction of building a mission, but the
matter was left open for further con-
sideration and report.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE AGAIN.

Drinks An Ounce and a Half of Laud-
anum.

Mr. Joseph Howe, who, a couple of
three weeks ago attempted to take his
life by drinking a large quantity of
laudanum, and whose life was saved
only by the herculean efforts of his
physicians, again attempted to shuffle
off this mortal coil by drinking an
ounce and a half of laudanum last
night about 7 o'clock.

He sent a colored boy after the drug,
and after getting it walked up High
street until he got near Chestnut, when
he drank it. A friend of his, Mr. Wil-
liam Stewart, was notified, and he
started with Mr. Howe to the station-
house. But, meeting Substitute Officer
W. D. Carlisle on the corner of High
and Green streets, the officer then be-
ing on his way to Mr. Howe, a young
man named Bunting having told him
of the affair, he turned Mr. Howe
over to him.

Officer Carlisle at once brought his
charge down town and sought the ser-
vices of Dr. Jarrett, who used a stom-
ach pump very successfully. It was
thought, on the young man, a consider-
able quantity of the drug being drawn
from his stomach.

Mr. Carlisle then took him to the
Howe residence, on County street, and
turned him over to his friends, who
had arrived to assist in preventing him
from going to sleep.

When Officer Carlisle took hold of him
on the corner of High and Green
streets Mr. Howe said:

"Let me lie down and die; I drank
it and want to die."

When Mr. Carlisle left him at his
home he was rolling on the floor, from
one side of the room to the other. Later
it was reported that he was in a serious
condition.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health held their regu-
lar meeting last night, with the follow-
ing members present: E. L. Lash,
president; E. R. Barksdale, M. L.
Hunt, E. L. Pollard and W. A. Clark.
Health Officer F. S. Hope and Sanitary
Inspector D. W. Murden.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector
showed four cases of contagious dis-
ease in the city, three being measles.
He also reported thirty-five nuisances
abated for the week.

The Health Officer reported that the
situation was very encouraging.

Dr. G. G. Hodday offered his resi-
gnation as doctor for contagious dis-
eases to take effect March 31st, which
was accepted with thanks.

On motion, the services of two nurses
at the poorhouse was ordered dispensed
with after the 31st instant.

The Sanitary Inspector was ordered
to abate nuisance corner of Leckie and
Webster streets.

All bills properly approved were or-
dered paid.

On motion, adjourned.

REVIVAL SERVICE.

The revival service at Monumental
M. E. Church last night was one of
unusual interest. The attendance was
good, and several were at the altar for
prayer. To-night the service will be
held in the main auditorium and will
begin promptly at 7:45 p. m. The pas-
tor would like to see every member of
his church present to-night.

COTTON'S BODY
ARRIVES HEREViewed by Many Thousand People
White and Colored.

SUBJECT FOR STUDENTS

He Is Brought Back Dead—Wearing the
Same Coat With Which He Escaped

And Which Belonged to Guard Saunders

—He Had Grown Darker and Stout-
er—His Face Looked Calm, the Repulsive
Feature to a Great Extent Being AbsentThrough the sound of the patter
of the rain drops and occasional flurry
of hail Sunday afternoon near 5 o'clock
a cry rang through the city, "Cotton's
body has come." "Go and see Cotton's
body," "He is at the station-house, and
in a moment thereafter it seemed as if
the great majority of the population of
the city was wending its way station-
houseward to get a glimpse of this most
noted desperado.

This was no hoax, for lying there,
dressed as if in life, in a white pine box,
shaped something like a coffin, was the
remains of Walter Cotton, the murder-
er of Mr. Charles Wyatt and of several
other dastardly crimes too numerous to
mention. Enough is it to say that the
commission of the double murder at
Emporia, which was attributed to him,
was sufficient to arouse all the determi-
nation of the people in that section
to act at once, and in no uncertain
way, and the sequel of their vengeance
was the body of Cotton clothed in
death, lying in a box at the station-
house in this city, with his shoes for a
pillow, and no kindly hand to remove
the dirt from the flesh or the clothing
he wore.

The Virginian-Pilot Sunday morning
told of the departure of Sheriff Smith
for Emporia, in company with Mr.
George Mooney, for the purpose of
identifying the body of the colored
man lynched there Saturday, and if it
proved to be Cotton's, to bring it here
that the people might see the remains
and thus be convinced that no mistake
had been made by Judge Lynch who
sit in the case.

THOUSANDS VIEW IT.

But a few minutes after the body had
been deposited in the station-house a
steady stream of visitors passed around
the box to see Cotton's face, and this
kept up unabated until late in the
night, men, women and children of all
colors, kinds and conditions showing a
marked curiosity to gaze upon the face
of the dead criminal. This was not all
either. Many were not satisfied with
mere looking, but the relic or souvenir
hunter was present and several at-
tempts were made to cut Cotton's
clothing, several being successful in
getting pieces of his socks, his shoes be-
ing off, and buttons from his coat and
pants were soon gone.

Everything about the gruesome sight
was noticed, even the certificate which
was written in lead pencil on a strip
of paper on the top of the box, which
set forth the fact that Walter Cotton
did not die of any contagious disease.

WHAT THE SHERIFF SAID.

Sheriff Williamson Smith was pressed
to tell what he saw and heard during
his short stay in Emporia, and the fol-
lowing is a short synopsis:

He said that he talked with many
people at Emporia, where he was told
the events preceding the lynchings.
Cotton was perfectly cool and fearless
throughout, and said, while the hun-
dreds of men were surrounding him,
that if it was given a stick he could go
through the crowd unharmed. He de-
nied having murdered either Wyatt or
Blick, and said that at one time he
thought of returning to Portsmouth and
giving himself up, but wanted to kill
Weaver, who gave the principal testi-
mony against him; Oney Cosgrove, an-
other witness, and "Tom," the blood-
hound owned by Constable Branch. He
also said that after getting out of jail
he stayed in Portsmouth four weeks,
but there was a contradiction of that
statement when he told Branch that he
saw him in Weldon, N. C., as the lat-
ter's trip to North Carolina was made
only about a week after the escape.

TO LYNCH HIM, TOO.

The sheriff was informed that it was
a good thing for him that he did not
go to Emporia last Friday night. It
was rumored in that town that he was
coming and a committee was appoint-
ed to meet him at the train and warn
him against taking any steps to secure
Cotton. If he persisted he was to have
been killed.

After the hanging Saturday the body
of Cotton was taken to Jarrett's in a
wagon and delivered to Mr. Moore, so
that gentleman could claim the reward
of \$100 offered; but it was decided that
the better course would be to return it
to Emporia, and this was done. The
reward will be paid, and Moore will
divide it with Constable Branch and
the colored man Parham, who assisted
in the capture.

IDENTIFIED O'GRADY.

Sheriff Smith fully identified the body
of the white man who went along the
"hempen route" with Cotton as Brant
O'Grady, who served a five-days sen-
tence in this jail for drunkenness last
November.

He was a saw-filer, who liked Cot-
ton, and the two men met after Cot-
ton's escape. O'Grady showed great
nerve and bravado while the rope was
about his neck, cursing the mob and
calling them cowards.

SENT TO UNIVERSITY.

Yesterday morning the body was
again put on exhibition in the jail-
yard, and there again thousands of peo-
ple viewed the remains, and the jam
and push to see him kept up until the
time to ship the body by the 3 o'clock
Chesapeake and Ohio steamer, en route
to the University of Virginia, that be-
ing done promptly.

HOW HE LOOKED.

The only visible marks of violence
was a bullet hole under the left eye
and a wounded finger, the latter re-
ceived from one of those he murdered,
and the former made by an avenger.
There was another bullet in Cotton's
right shoulder, there having been only
two shots fired while he was hanging.
He wore the coat taken from Saunders,
the death watch, the morning he es-
caped from jail here, and two pairs of
trousers, the lower ones belonging to
Grizzard, whose house he burglarized
near Emporia. The face and body were
easily recognizable, though the desper-
ate, hunted look had departed from it,
and but for the dirt and grime on the
flesh, and the disturbed condition of

his clothing, he looked as if he had
died a natural death.

MR. MOORE HERE.

Mr. W. H. Moore, of Jarrett's, Va.,
who captured Cotton, came with the
body, and yesterday was paid the re-
ward offered by Sheriff Smith.

Mr. Moore made a statement of how
the capture was effected, which did not
differ materially from the accounts al-
ready published, the following being only
somewhat different:

Mr. Moore said he saw a man come
out of the swamp and walk up the rail-
road in the direction of himself and
the colored magistrate, Parham. Cot-
ton was smoking a cigar, and amused
himself by throwing stones as he walk-
ed. When he met Moore's party Cotton
removed the cigar from his mouth and
said: "Gentlemen." As he spoke Mr.
Moore drew a shotgun from behind him
and ordered Cotton to throw up his
hands, which he immediately did. Par-
ham held the gun, while Moore search-
ed and took from the man two pistols,
a knife, a bottle of grease and a bunch
of keys.

Cotton said: "Captain, what is the
matter? what have I done?" As they
walked towards Stony Creek Cotton
told Moore he did not have a warrant
for him, and asked Moore what he
would do if he was the wrong man.

Moore continued to ask questions, and
Cotton said he had no name, and if
Moore did not stop asking questions he
would have him to kill, as he was get-
ting mad. After this Cotton grew sul-
len and refused to answer any other
questions, and soon thereafter the end
came.

THE GRADY CLUB.

The regular monthly meeting of the
Grady Club was held in the Y. M. C. A.
parlor last night at the usual hour.

The program for the evening was a
very interesting one, consisting of a
sketch of Benjamin Franklin and two
papers on the Kentucky situation, one
in condemnation and the other in jus-
tification of the course pursued by Gov-
ernor Taylor. The participating par-
ties were Messrs. R. A. V. Pierce, J.
M. Cratty and M. H. Moonaw.

The resignation of Mr. L. C. Phillips
as president and member of the club
was accepted with sincere regrets.

The club accepted the invitation to
attend the oratorical contest to be
given at the Norfolk Y. M. C. A. next
Friday night by the Thackeray Liter-
ary Society, and will attend in a
body.

Where to Put Your Money.

\$50 cash and \$15 per month will buy
you a nice home on High street, Cot-
tage Place. A small amount cash and
we will build you a home anywhere
you want. You don't have to own the
lot. Nice homes for sale cheap. Pos-
session given at once. Call or address
the Seaboard Real Estate Company,
214 High street, up stairs.

Nervous Headache Cured

Speedily. No danger by Ilick's Cap-
sule. 15 and 25c. at drug stores.

Chas. R. Welton & Co. have removed
to 208 High street, Noah's Ark's old
stand.

OTHER PORTSMOUTH LO-
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DIEP.

SARGENT—At her late residence, No.
231 Richmond street, Portsmouth, Va.,
March 26th, 1899, at 10:20 a. m., MRS.
MATTIE SARGENT, widow of the late
William Sargent, in the 54th year of her
age.

The funeral will take place at the resi-
dence THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON at
3 p. m. Friends and acquaintances are
invited to attend. Interment Oak Grove
Cemetery.

WANTED—A RESPECTABLE

white woman to do general house-
work. Apply to 57 Dinwiddle street,
Portsmouth, Va. mh27-3t

WANTED—AN EDUCATED, RE-
fined young lady wants position as
companion. Address "L," care Virginian-
Pilot. mh27-3t

LOST—SMALL POINTER DOG; LIV-
er colored and white; brown head, tan
on ears and face; of "Jim," 16-
ward if returned to A. J. PHILLIPS, 209
Court street. mh24-1t

STOLEN—TUESDAY, 20TH, WAVER-
ly bicycle, "59" model, No. 131,041;
suitable reward if returned to—GEO. S.
BELL, 79 Columbia street, Portsmouth,
Va. mh24-3t

FOR RENT—A HOTEL, PARTLY
furnished, reasonably rent; good
chances for right party; 8 or 10 permanent
boarders. Apply R. F. ADAMS, West
Norfolk, Va. mh24-1w

FOR PHYSICIAN TO THE ALMS-
HOUSE—

Subject to the Democratic Primary.
mh25-1m

FOR PHYSICIAN TO ALMSHOUSE—

DR. R. L. McMURRAN.

Subject to Democratic Primary. mh24-1w

FOR SANITARY INSPECTOR—

Formerly Chief Nurse U. S. Naval Hos-
pital, Portsmouth, Va.

Subject to Democratic Primary.
mh25-1w

FOR STREET INSPECTOR—

J. EDWIN HANRAHAN.

Subject to Democratic Primary. mh24-1t

Ye Deestrick Skule!

Elks' Opera House To-night.

Benefit Daughters of Rebekah.

Tickets, 25 cents. For sale at Schmoele's
book store. mh27-1t

Spring Opening of Millinery

at the little store around the corner
WEDNESDAY, March 29th. All the
leading styles in Hats, Flowers, etc. Will
be pleased to have you call. No trouble
to show goods. Respectfully,

MRS. JACOB KAUFMAN,
512 Crawford street.

LOOK!

This is what you can buy cheap for this
week at 553 and 552 County street: 3 cans
of the Tomatoes at 25c. Buckwheat, 2
pounds for 5c. Brandy Peaches, 25c. Can-
ned Corn and Peas at a bargain. All
kinds of Teas cheap.

D. L. HODSDEN,
Cor. Dinwiddle and County Sts.

Special for Friday and Saturday.

Early June Peas.....45c. per can.
Rolled Oats.....45c. per package.
Fine Sour Kraut.....5c. per qt.
Smithfield Hams.....16 2-3c. per lb.
Smithfield Sausages.....5c. per lb.
Respectfully,

R. S. KING,
Send us your order.

Specialties
FOR THIS WEEK.

Fine Sauer Kraut, only 5c. per qt.;
Curtis Bros' Pure Fruit Jams, 10c. per
can; Celery Sauce, 10c. per lb.; Sweet Cu-
mber Pickle, 13c. per qt.; Fine Cod Fish
Balls, in can, 13c. per can; California
Prunes, 6c. per lb. If you want good
BREAD, don't use our SUN BEAM
FLOUR.

C. W. HUGGINS & CO.,
802 CRAWFORD STREET,
Both Phones. mh25-6m.